

My dear Mrs. Gray

Thank you for your kind reply to my letter. We will be very glad to have a copy of each of those letters. Copies will answer our purpose very nicely. Thinking it might interest you I send a copy of Dr. Grays answer to the letter of May 11<sup>th</sup> 1843.

We can not think of any one ~~that~~ who would possibly have the letters from father to Dr. Gray. Could they have been given to Dr. Torrey for my purpose?

The box of plants spoken of in Miss ~~Allen~~ is only one of many sent by father. I think the date of the first letter we have from Dr. Gray to father was some time in 1838. The last was written to my sister

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on the back of a printed circular  
signed by Josiah Quincy as president  
acknowledging the receipt of a  
case of living plants sent by  
J. H. Lapham of Milwaukee  
Wisconsin Territory. to the Botanic  
Garden of the Harvard University.  
It also a list of plants contained in  
such case. June 21<sup>st</sup> 1843

My dear Sir

Notwithstanding the  
lateness of the season, your  
case of plants arrived in very  
good condition, and pleased  
me much, except nearly all  
the specimens of *Cuculia*  
*tuberosa* (not *C. ovata*) which  
decayed.

I have no published  
catalogue, but I am engaged

List of Plants in  
*Geranium triflorum*  
*Potentilla arguta*  
*Onosmodium canadense*  
*Ribes rubrum* (wild)  
*Coreopsis balmata*  
*Betula glandulosa*  
*Silphium laciniatum*  
*Cacalia ovata*  
*Phlox pilosa*  
*Valeriana citrosa*  
*Trillium rivale*  
*Shepherdia canadensis*  
*Dodecatheon integrifolium*  
*Iris lacustris*  
*Lactuca albida*  
*Phlox divaricata*  
*Erythronium albidum*  
*Asopyrum thalictroides* S. G.  
*Allium cernuum?*  
*Lactuca venosus*  
*Phaca neglecta*

to be spectabile. They send me a block of the seed.  
 P. S. (old) note succeed in flowering this laciniatum  
 this spring. In what situation does it flourish  
 next? You say *Asopyrum laciniatum*? (Linn) note  
 to be spectabile. They send me a block of the seed.

W. M. Johnson's near from you in the autumn  
 I remain yours cordially  
 W. M. Johnson

in determining the N. American plants, as they come into flower, in order to publish a catalogue of them, as you suggest.  
 We intend to diffuse our plants freely among our correspondents both in this country and abroad and therefore are thankful for copious supplies of all species our friends send us, that we may share them with others.  
 I gave Mr. Carter our gardener a list of plants to put up for you in the spring, but the season promised to come on so rapidly, & the navigation of the lakes to open so late, that I countermanded the order for the present. But in the fall, or next spring I shall be most happy to send you a case & I should like you to give me a general idea of what kind of plants would be acceptable. I improve the period of a temporary illness to write to

after father's death in '87 and  
during the earlier years letters  
were very frequent from each.  
During the last part of his life  
father did not devote so much  
time to botany which explains  
the seeming end of the correspondence.

With renewed thanks for your  
letter I am yours sincerely

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